

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - AUGUST, 1962

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 31st March, 1962 -  
Males - 382,233 Females - 367,813 Persons - 750,046

Metropolitan: at 31.12.1961  
Persons - 425,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JULY				Seven Months ended JULY			
	1962		1961		1962		1961	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	358	5.58	257	4.10	3,177	7.28	3,052	7.15
Births	1,346	20.99	1,397	22.31	10,025	22.98	10,114	23.70
Deaths	559	8.72	471	7.52	3,341	7.66	3,265	7.65
Infant Mortality(b)	27	20.06	23	16.46	221	22.04	188	18.59

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,428	4,248	50,089	55,266	11,255	9,702	148,497	159,538
Interstate	8,897	6,814	119,398	122,737	4,280	2,501	42,011	45,231
Total:	13,325	11,062	169,487	178,003	15,535	12,203	190,508	204,769

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	322,157	86,960	815,645	500,888
	5,224,975	536,760	15,760,781	5,529,001

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue per Head of Population	5,815,251	6,000,131	11,603,212	11,514,425
Expenditure	7.7	8.1	15.4	15.6
Expenditure per Head of Population	7,294,823	6,206,456	12,626,211	12,145,529
	9.6	8.4	16.7	16.5

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of AUGUST		
	1962	1961	1960
Total Balances	£	£	£
Per Head of Population	94,180,753	83,249,619	79,956,599
	124.4	112.5	110.3

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings (£ million)											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1960	21.4	22.0	22.3	19.4	22.3	21.7	21.7	21.7	22.7	23.8	24.0	25.5
1961	25.5	22.7	23.4	23.5	24.0	21.6	23.1	21.6	23.2	24.6	23.8	26.9
1962	25.9	26.5	26.4	24.8	25.9	24.1	26.3	24.6	-	-	-	-

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No.	2,198	1,815	4,407
	£.	5,342,417	3,358,373	6,270,557
Mortgages	No.	1,666	1,350	3,336
	£.	4,137,867	2,967,848	8,409,465
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,302	1,173	2,659
				5,591,379
				2,124

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	16,824	11,566	30,398	23,335
Net Taxable Sales	5,634	4,928	11,142	9,285
Tax Collected	762	753	1,503	1,452

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	45	42	89
Nominal Capital	£.	3,297,000	1,892,000	7,504,000
Foreign		17	15	32
				77
				4,509,000
				28

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Two Months ended AUGUST					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	33	£ 65,296	£ 6,664	32	£ 48,143	£ 17,363
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	15	50,442	60,535	16	73,776	58,321

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways (including the Railway Road Service)

Item	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings	£ 1,427,100	1,470,500	17,803,809	16,537,848
Operating Expenses	£ 1,319,109	1,317,670	15,763,256	15,551,297
Train Miles Run	630,126	667,796	8,065,240	7,818,746
Motor Bus Miles	(a) 58,030	(b) 55,223	1,566,109	1,514,202
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train	965,377	1,021,461	11,906,095	12,660,941
Motor Bus	20,643	19,106	260,972	266,233
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	398,883	453,247	5,216,692	4,692,511
Free (Departmental)	53,206	42,633	621,985	534,760
Livestock	8,651	9,136	125,619	140,717
Total:	460,740	505,016	5,964,296	5,367,988
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	64,959,227	69,310,933	813,829,807	728,786,504
Free (Departmental)	5,764,104	4,927,327	61,365,369	53,186,248
Livestock	1,268,898	1,528,434	17,296,866	18,793,223
Total:	71,992,229	75,766,694	892,492,042	800,765,975

(a) 2 weeks ended 14th July  
(b) 2 weeks ended 15th July

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Quantity	Fine oz.	76,998	69,859	487,869
Value (Aust. Currency)	£	1,203,089	1,091,543	7,622,960
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£	-	-	1,012,226
				483,845
				7,560,073
				1,104,026

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
<u>1961</u> -										
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
<u>1962</u> -										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92
March	848	237	271	3	68	1,208	389	577	8	94
April	737	182	205	4	40	1,122	300	456	8	64
May	980	295	281	6	68	1,354	418	552	13	87
June	1,173	274	282	3	41	1,669	447	538	8	71
July	778	250	238	6	42	1,206	386	529	8	62

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1958</u> -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959</u> -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960</u> -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
<u>1961</u> -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
<u>1962</u> -								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004
February	94,838	27,343	575	8,489	144,999	71,482	1,265	12,096
March	95,316	27,363	575	8,443	146,507	72,227	1,272	12,164
April	96,419	27,495	582	8,440	147,078	71,880	1,272	11,954
May	97,079	27,502	585	8,369	149,071	72,848	1,284	12,041
June	97,977	27,490	585	8,285	151,013	73,454	1,294	12,052
July	100,562	27,996	594	8,244	150,433	71,627	1,290	11,588

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1959-60	5,218	1,229	6,447	18,454	6,626	6,686	13,312	24,632	10,033	34,665
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
<u>1961:</u>										
August	493	65	558	1,702	715	703	1,418	2,509	900	3,409
September	395	159	554	1,795	285	1,797	2,082	1,876	2,269	4,145
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
<u>1962:</u>										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545
April	388	106	494	1,595	630	267	897	2,154	598	2,752
May	499	104	603	1,935	487	760	1,247	2,427	1,158	3,585
June	405	81	486	1,638	577	962	1,539	2,201	1,250	3,451
July	500	116	616	1,985	1,035	1,021	2,056	2,952	1,407	4,359
August	444	148	592	2,060	794	515	1,309	2,838	941	3,779

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The figures in the following two tables cover the operations of all builders who accept contracts for the construction of new buildings, "day-labour" building by Government Agencies and the activities of "Owner-Builders".

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings (a)				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	£'000	No.	Value	No.	£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
<u>1962 -</u>										
March Qr.	278	778	1,117	3,717	29	217	230	2,977	1,654	7,689
June Qr.	247	743	1,451	5,201	26	263	228	3,807	1,952	10,014

(a) Includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
<u>1962 -</u>										
March Qr.	984	3,367	9	20	324	850	3	4	1,320	4,241
June Qr.	1,244	4,291	59	314	324	947	4	8	1,631	5,561

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

## PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
1962	123.5	111.7	146.4	107.3	125.3	121.6
Quarters:						
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5
June	124.2	111.5	147.8	107.2	124.9	121.8

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry. Female Private  
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
1960:				1961 (cont.):			
August	142.9	49.8	192.7	August	142.9	49.9	192.8
September	143.4	50.2	193.6	September	143.6	50.1	193.7
October	143.3	50.4	193.7	October	143.0	50.4	193.4
November	143.9	50.7	194.6	November	143.9	51.0	194.9
December	143.8	51.2	195.0	December	143.5	50.7	194.2
1961:				1962:			
January	142.8	50.0	192.8	January	144.3	50.5	194.8
February	143.1	50.4	193.5	February	145.0	51.0	196.0
March	143.1	50.7	193.8	March	146.3	52.1	198.4
April	143.3	50.8	194.1	April	145.6	52.0	197.6
May	142.8	50.6	193.4	May	146.4	52.1	198.5
June	142.2	49.9	192.1	June	146.5	51.9	198.4
July	142.0	49.9	191.9	July	146.5	51.9	198.4

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

## INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	242	244
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	246
March	240	236	234	233	238	241	247
April	239	234	233	233	237	241	245
May	238	234	230	232	238	239	247
June	235	231	228	229	237	236	246
July	231	229	229	231	239	234	247
August	230	229	229	232	240	237	
September	233	232	230	233	243	240	
October	233	232	232	234	242	241	
November	233	233	231	235	244	242	
December	232	232	231	235	243	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
30/10/61	14. 18. 9	11. 4. 1	14. 17. 3	11. 2. 11	14. 11. 6	10. 18. 8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
July, 1962	27,602	2,127	116,862	46,685	22,853
1961	22,800	1,238	111,967	60,093	22,001
12 Months ended June, 1962	220,995	19,352	1,489,398	998,665	256,393
1961	192,669	16,617	1,704,842	953,112	194,254

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
July, 1962	5,692	94	2,154	560	1,137
1961	5,115	57	2,208	827	1,188
12 Months ended June, 1962	46,518	855	28,722	14,201	12,957
1961	41,204	768	32,934	13,626	10,550

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
7 Months ended July, 1961	2,407	3,487	1,391	2,033	3,798	5,520	50	99	1,788	2,719
1962	2,559	3,694	1,458	2,097	4,017	5,791	53	117	1,899	2,861
1962 -										
January	338	505	187	292	525	797	6	26	239	396
February	340	472	220	304	560	776	6	12	276	399
March	347	503	223	324	570	827	9	17	285	424
April	364	515	169	268	533	783	8	20	225	396
May	392	585	216	303	608	888	9	17	275	403
June	352	510	216	297	568	807	9	16	272	397
July	426	604	227	309	653	913	6	9	327	446

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less: from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961					1962							
		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
		s. d.												
<b>FRUIT</b>														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0	20. 1	19. 2	15. 0	10. 4	10. 5	8. 1
Oranges - Navel	bush.	38.10	39. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	47. 1	36. 0	22. 2	27.11	31.11
- Val.	bush.	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0	30.11	43. 5	30. 9	-	-	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1	10	9	10	11	11	1. 2	1. 1	1. 1
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-	-	20. 6	25.10	26. 0	28. 5	32. 5	30.11
- Other	bush.	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7	25. 2	33. 7	34. 0	37. 8	48. 2	54.10
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 2	-	-	-	-	30. 0	20. 9	19. 4	19. 0	20. 2	25. 6	22. 4	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	26. 6	29. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	29.4	30.2	29.10	34.11	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0	20.10	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	Open flat cases	-	-	-	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0	22. 5	22. 2	27. 0	-	-	-
<b>VEGETABLES</b>														
Cabbage	crate	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4	10. 4	6. 6	4.11	5.11	14. 2	10. 2
Cauliflowers	dozen	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0	26. 8	9. 0	16. 0	24. 1	24. 1	9. 2
Lettuce	crate	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5	11. 7	7. 1	7.10	9. 9	20. 5	12.10
Table Celery	doz. head	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3	12. 0	8. 0	4. 6	4. 7	7. 2	9. 0
Beetroot	cwt.	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3	36. 3	28. 5	23. 5	23. 3	33. 6	31. 9
Carrots	cwt.	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0	34. 0	40. 9	30. 1	23. 6	19.10	20. 7
Parsnips	cwt.	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6	69. 5	67. 6	66. 1	63. 8	47. 8	40. 9
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10	7. 3	5. 3	6. 3	8. 7	17. 3	7. 6
Swedes	cwt.	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10	46. 4	31. 9	34. 7	42. 0	35. 9	28. 6
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 1	10	11	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8	8	9	1. 0	1. 2	1. 2	1. 5
Peas	lb.	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9	1. 9	1. 1	1. 4	1. 8	1. 7	1. 1
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	6	6	5	7	9	7	5	5	4	4	5	5
Pumpkin	bag	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1	23.11	23.11	20. 4	20. 2	21.10	19. 2
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6	21. 9	11. 8	10. 1	25.11	33. 1	27. 8
Onions (a)	ton	(a)	(b)	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	55.0.0	50. 0.0
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961						1962							
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	
	£. s. d.													
SHEEP														
Suckers	2. 8. 6	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	-	-	-	4.16. 5	5. 1. 8	3.17. 1	
Lambs														
In Wool	3. 6. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.15. 3	4.16. 0	5.12. 8	5. 9. 0	3.19. 7	
Shorn	2. 9. 4	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	4. 2. 3	3.17. 5	4. 0. 6	4.10. 8	4. 4.10	3. 4. 2	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	3.11.11	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	
Ewes														
In Wool	3. 9. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 8	3.18.10	3. 4. 7	
Shorn	2. 3. 2	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	2.12. 3	2.14.10	3. 4. 8	2.18.10	2.16. 2	2. 3. 4	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 5	4. 0. 5	3.15. 9	4. 6. 0	4.14. 3	3.18. 0	
Shorn	2. 7. 9	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	3. 2. 9	2.19. 7	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 8	3.11. 8	2. 8. 0	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	34.17. 8	34. 0. 1	34.19. 4	36. 6. 3	35.18. 9	38.14. 6	
Heifers	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.12. 5	36.14. 5	-	36. 6. 6	40.16. 0	43.10.11	42.14.10	
Cows	41.13. 6	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	42.18.11	44. 0. 4	42. 6. 9	45.10. 5	42.10. 8	45.18. 7	
Steers	46.16. 0	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	45.15. 4	47.11. 5	45.16. 2	54. 0.10	52. 5. 3	50. 3. 7	
Bullocks	-	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	-	-	-	63. 9. 3	56.16. 4	58.14. 7	
PIGS														
Slips	-	-	-	-	-	3.11. 8	-	-	-	-	-	3.15. 0	4.15. 6	
Porkers	8.16. 7	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	8.10. 4	8. 4. 1	8. 3.11	8.17. 6	8.17.10	9. 9. 6	
Baconers	13. 2.11	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	12.13. 4	12. 0. 7	11.14. 1	12.18. 6	13.16. 2	14. 8.11	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8	-	-	-	3. 5	3. 2	3. 3	3. 4	3. 4
" Cocks	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-	-	-	3. 4	3. 4	3. 1	3. 3	3. 3
Ducks	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2	2. 1	1.10	1.10	1.11	2. 2	2. 3
Drakes	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1	2. 1	1.11	1.10	2. 0	2. 1	2. 3
Geese	2. 2	2. 2	-	-	2. 8	-	-	-	-	2. 0	1.10	-	1. 8
Cockerels	2. 7	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8	2.10	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 8
Capon	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	3. 1	3. 0	3. 0	2.11	2.10
Hen	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9	2. 0	2. 2	1.11	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE AND OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT OPERATIONS  
OF RETAIL BUSINESSES AND NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Balances Outstanding at end of Period (including Hiring Charges, etc.)
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)	Total (All Goods)	
<b>HIRE PURCHASE</b>					
1956-57	9,362	827	4,645	14,834	18,141
1958-59 (b)	12,532	1,444	6,835	20,811	26,639
1959-60	15,386	1,736	9,819	26,941	34,792
1960-61	14,568	2,021	7,789	24,378	38,050
Quarters -					
1959 - September	3,352	303	1,771	5,426	27,794
December	4,129	797	2,581	7,507	30,853
1960 - March	3,723	306	2,594	6,623	31,908
June	4,182	330	2,873	7,385	34,792
September	4,297	418	2,036	6,751	36,963
December	4,278	898	2,133	7,309	40,264
1961 - March	2,898	354	1,720	4,972	38,344
June	3,095	351	1,900	5,346	38,050
September	3,151	380	1,664	5,195	37,459
December	3,520	1,041	1,971	6,532	38,598
<b>OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT (c)</b>					
1956-57	20	17	2,289	2,326	1,005
1958-59 (b)	737	20	3,331	4,088	3,017
1959-60	1,887	32	4,311	6,230	4,232
1960-61	1,155	43	6,398	7,596	5,982
Quarters -					
1959 - September	380	6	901	1,287	2,697
December	631	13	1,264	1,908	3,484
1960 - March	560	5	912	1,477	3,834
June	316	8	1,234	1,558	4,232
September	281	12	1,826	2,119	4,957
December	411	14	2,078	2,503	5,946
1961 - March	248	7	1,086	1,341	5,585
June	215	10	1,408	1,633	5,982
September	223	14	1,507	1,744	6,358
December	240	11	1,614	1,865	7,006
<b>T O T A L</b>					
1956-57	9,382	844	6,934	17,160	19,146
1958-59 (b)	13,269	1,464	10,166	24,899	29,656
1959-60	17,273	1,768	14,130	33,171	39,024
1960-61	15,723	2,064	14,187	31,974	44,032
Quarters -					
1959 - September	3,732	309	2,672	6,713	30,491
December	4,760	810	3,845	9,415	34,337
1960 - March	4,283	311	3,506	8,100	35,742
June	4,498	338	4,107	8,943	39,024
September	4,578	430	3,862	8,870	41,920
December	4,689	912	4,211	9,812	46,210
1961 - March	3,146	361	2,806	6,313	43,929
June	3,310	361	3,308	6,979	44,032
September	3,374	394	3,171	6,939	43,817
December	3,760	1,052	3,585	8,397	45,604

- (a) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods.
- (b) Figures for the year ended 30th June, 1958 are not available.
- (c) Includes Time Payment, Budget Account, Personal Loan Schemes, etc. in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments.

## RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Grocer- ies	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware(b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	32.6	12.4	22.6	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.5	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.5	191.8	68.7
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.7	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.9	18.3
1961	8.6	3.2	5.5	4.5	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.5	16.3
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.6	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.9	18.7
1961	9.4	3.3	6.1	5.9	8.1	1.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	6.1	53.7	18.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.0	3.1	6.1	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.6	47.5	15.7
1962	8.4	3.1	6.2	5.9	6.2	1.1	3.1	3.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	6.7	49.2	19.2
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.3	3.2	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.5	16.0
1962	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	50.2	(g)

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	JULY		1961-62(a)	1960-61
		1962(a)	1961(a)		
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	441	431	4,981	5,332
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	9,059	7,907	99,822	105,993
Fibrous Plaster - Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	137	120	1,440	1,494
" " - Acoustic Tiles	sq. yds.	1,278	1,527	26,172	34,763
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,411	1,857	28,671	28,045
Plaster of Paris	"	1,716	1,649	18,085	18,792
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	34,076	25,962	393,321	363,051
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	233	307	4,017	4,086
Timber, Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 super. ft.	17,094	16,988	194,615	186,911
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	504	923	8,888	13,364
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	706	378	10,189	12,398
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	4,730	3,777	55,197	53,562
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	976	1,668	16,024	17,622
Trousers - Men's - Sport - Work	"	9,139	6,044	100,510	83,711
	"	12,712	14,969	140,056	165,353
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	59,832	51,299	637,059	582,219
Slippers	"	11,394	9,679	119,487	132,077
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	185	149	5,540	5,149
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	10,639	5,455	296,239	250,620
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	663	585	7,766	7,085
Butter	"	1,655	2,131	16,773	17,160
Cheese	"	293	343	2,995	3,025
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton	(2,000 lb.)	9,624	13,597	150,444
					168,237
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	36	19	306	370
Sulphuric	"	14,800	11,917	237,859	234,540
Coal	"	88,180	75,414	929,753	745,093
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	105,691	93,907	1,114,924	1,035,455
Gas (Town) Produced	million				
Mattresses - Soft Filled (d)	cub. ft.	135	141	1,402	1,450
Pig Iron	number	2,599	2,275	30,716	31,809
Superphosphate	ton	4,222	4,601	49,786	52,262
Wool-Scoured	"	39,254	30,572	667,109	660,501
	'000 lb.	2,152	2,052	31,744	29,586

(a) Preliminary figures, subject to revision.

(b) Standard size.

(c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super. feet.

(d) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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